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Ms. Magalie R. Salas, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
The Portals
445 12th Street, S.W. TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: IB Docket No. 00-248
Ex Parte

Dear Ms. Salas:

On December 18, 2001, the following persons met with Paul Margie of Commissioner Copps' office concerning the above-referenced proceeding: Kalpak Gude of PanAmSat Corporation ("PanAmSat"); the undersigned counsel representing PanAmSat; John Stern of Loral Space & Communications, Ltd. ("Loral"); Joslyn Read of Hughes Electronics Corporation d/b/a Hughes Network Systems ("HNS"); and John Janka and Dori Bailey of Latham & Watkins representing HNS. The conversation centered on *ex parte* filings that the Satellite Industry Association ("SIA") made on November 5 and December 11, 2001, providing proposals developed by a group of industry experts that SIA had convened. PanAmSat, Loral, and HNS are all SIA members.

At the meeting, the participants took the position that the Commission should not resolve the issues in this proceeding in piecemeal fashion. Rather, it was suggested that the Commission take whatever time is needed, and give whatever notice

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to interested parties is appropriate, so that the SIA proposals can be taken fully into account when the Commission adopts an initial Report and Order.

Sincerely,

/s/ Joseph A. Godles
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Cc: Paul Margie